



# First English Lutheran Church

9 NW 3<sup>rd</sup> Street; Ortonville, MN 56278

Lisa Berdan, Senior Choir Director

Dr. Stephen and Jodi Swanson, Missionaries/Tanzania

## Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

ELW SETTING TWO



September 8, 2024

9:00 am

Note: Offering basket as you enter – no collection or presentation

### PREPARATION

Prelude

Bells

Welcome & Announcements

### GATHERING

#### **Greeting & Passing of the Peace**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

**Confession and Forgiveness** *All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **C: Amen.**

P: Gracious God, **C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: God promises to forgive ...your sins are forgiven. **C: Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

'Listen, God is Calling'

#513

Greeting

pg. 120

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise

'Glory Be to God in Heaven'

pg. 204

## Prayer of the Day

P: Holy One, **C: you stretch wide your tent that all may be welcomed in, and in Jesus you stretched out your hands in expansive love for a weary and wounded world. Help us to reach out with your own wounded hands of love, that through us your life may be known in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## WORD

Psalm 146

ELW Psalm 146

L: <sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

**C: <sup>2</sup> I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

L: <sup>3</sup> Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.

**C: <sup>4</sup> When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.**

L: <sup>5</sup> Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the LORD their God;

**C: <sup>6</sup> who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps promises forever;**

L: <sup>7</sup> who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger. The LORD sets the captive free.

**C: <sup>8</sup> The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**

L: <sup>9</sup> The LORD cares for the stranger; the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

**C: <sup>10</sup> The LORD shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

Lesson: James 2:1-10, 14-17

NT pg. 179-180

Gospel Acclamation

*'Alleluia'*

pg. 124

Holy Gospel: Mark 7:24-37

NT pg. 33

P: The Holy Gospel according to... **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Temple Talk

Ellie Helgeson

Prayers for the People of God

P: .... God, we pray, **C: open our hands in love.**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

Announcement of God's Work, Our Hands Options

### **SENDING**

Blessing of Hands for the Ministry

P: We are called to proclaim the good news:

**C: God is at work!**

P: This good news is not left in some history long ago or a place far away:

**C: God is at work in the world still today!**

P: In us and through us, God is glorified in our work. When we offer a helping hand, God is praised. When we share of our abundance, God is known in the world.

**C: God is at work in us!**

P: In our service today, and in our daily lives, let us live out what God has called us to in baptism.

**C: God is at work through our hands!**

*Signing a cross on the backs of the hands:*

P: God bless your hands and your work,

*Signing a cross on the palms of the hands:*

P: that through *you*, God's love may be known.

**C: Amen.**

Closing Hymn

'God's Work, Our Hands'

ACS #1000

Blessing

P: God who sets forth the law of love, Jesus who fulfills the law for you, and the Spirit through whom you are called to love, + bless you this day, that you may be God's hands and heart and voice at work in the world.

**C: Amen.**

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. You are God's hands at work in the world!

**C: We will! Thanks be to God.**

*Psalm 139:14. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.*

*In other words, "created to be..."*

**Thanks to Ellie Helgeson** for leading us today in worship.

**Welcome to all visitors and guests!** May the joy of Christ fill you as we worship today. Friendship Pads are at the ends of each pew (by middle aisle). Fill them out, pass them on to your neighbor(s), and send them back to the middle aisle.

**KDIO Radio Broadcast** is sponsored by Curt & Penny Hormann in honor of their grandchildren: Avery, Oakley, Ryley Sigler, & DJ Bartels. [2024 & 2025 Radio broadcast cards are available on the information kiosk in the narthex; cost is \$100/week].



**OFFERING UPDATE:** Here are the expenses for August: \$14,826.45. Here is what we received: \$23,242.71. You're also encouraged to visit our webpage for Online Giving at [www.firstenglish.net](http://www.firstenglish.net) or scan the QR Code from the offering cards or bulletins.



**September's pink envelope emphasis is for the Endowment Fund.** When we don't have a KDIO sponsor, this fund helps us to pay for our broadcast ministry. You can find special pink envelopes for designated giving in a basket in the Narthex.

**Happy birthday wishes go out** to Art Lee whose birthday is the 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Wednesday: Acolyte Training, Confirmation Interviews, & Confirmation Orientation** Acolyte training is 3:30 pm and all 7<sup>th</sup> graders are expected to be there. 8-12<sup>th</sup> would be good to be here for a refresher, so optional, but **highly** recommended. The confirmation interviews are from 4:30-6:30 pm. At 6:30 pm we have Confirmation Orientation for all confirmation students and their parents.

**Our Saviour's Lutheran Church of Baxter** (HWY 212 between Monte & Dawson) is having a Turkey Supper (\$15) on Wed. Sept 11<sup>th</sup>. Serving starts at 4:30 pm. Take outs are available.

**Rally Sunday is September 15<sup>th</sup> - The parents of the Sunday School children** should be prepared to fill out paperwork after church that day while the Sunday School children engage in Rally Sunday activities.

**Bible Presentation will be September 22<sup>nd</sup>.** Bibles will be handed out to 3-year-olds and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders during our church service.

**Youth Group for all 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders will start on Wed, Sept 25<sup>th</sup> - 5:30-7 pm.**

**There will be a Salad Luncheon at St. Charles Catholic Church** Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm. Free will offering and take out available.

**Stonecroft Ministries Women's Connection** will be meeting on Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm at Big Stone Tabor Methodist Church. The speaker will be Karen Blankenship of Peculiar, MO on the topic, "Write it Down: The Power of Journaling". Special feature will be a Stonecroft Ministries Fundraiser Silent Auction – bring items to bid on like produce, baked goods, decorations, books, etc. Special music will be Susan Karels (pianist). The cost is \$6.00, and you can register with Carol Rabe at 605-862-8570 or just be a walk-in. Free nursery by reservation.

**There will be a Garden Produce, Food & Craft Sale (with a quilt raffle)** at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church in Benson on Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:15 am.

**Big Stone Memory Loss Connection** presents "Aging, Dementia, Caregiving OH MY!" September 28<sup>th</sup> at the Clinton Memorial Building. There is no cost to attend. Please see the posted flyers for more information.

**The picture directories are ready and can be picked up** in the church office during the week. Each family photographed in the directory will be given one free directory. Members who were not photographed in the 2024 edition may purchase a directory for \$5. Thank you for your cooperation!

**Coffee Fellowship needs volunteers to continue.** Please contact the office or sign-up in the fellowship hall if you're willing to help to prepare & serve coffee. If no one volunteers to serve, we won't have coffee fellowship that Sunday.



**The Silence and the Sound - A Community Christmas Musical Experience**

While we may not be ready to say good-bye to summer, the Christmas season is all too soon upon us! For many of us, this means a celebration of memorable music. Singers of all ages and instrumentalists are welcomed and invited to be a part of our 3<sup>rd</sup> community Christmas musical experience to be held this year in concerts on Dec 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> at the Abbey of the Hills Inn and Retreat Center. The concerts will once again feature both small and large groups accompanied by talented musicians under the direction of Lisa Berdan. Large group practices will typically be held at 4:00 pm on Sunday afternoons at FELC. Optional practices will typically be Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 7:30.

New this year is an opportunity for children ages 5-12 to have a part specially designed for them! (Practice times for them will be determined as the group forms.) We have started to organize, but if you still wish to be

a part of this heartfelt event -- or if you have any questions -- please contact Lisa Berdan. Text 305-1123, call 273-2323, or email lisamberdan@gmail.com.

**There are many of you that have such wonderful gifts in our congregation** and should highly consider sharing these with our youth in our Sunday School program. Sunday school teachers can influence and impact many lives with foundational teaching and grounding children in God's word. We are always looking for people to fill these roles in ANY capacity (twice a month, only a certain age groups, etc.) so PLEASE consider and let Sara Wollschlager know if you are interested. (Materials & lessons are prepped and supplied for you weekly.)

**PRAYERS FOR HEALING and COMFORT** Carol Barrett; Jane Debner; Arlen LaCombe; Gail Olson; Harris Selvig; Beth Swanson; Brandi Tweeter; Monty Athey, Paul Erdman; Rosie Frank; Larry Helgeson; Natalie Henneberg; McCoy Jipson; Janice Redfield; David Scholberg; and Jerry Stotesbery. AT FAIRWAY VIEW NEIGHBORHOODS: Janet Anderson; Ricky Anderson; Arvilla Bergseth; Adeline Burgess; Ruth Hansen; Jim Hipple; Vivian Janssen; Roger Nornes; and Mary Lou Olson in Madison. ALL OUR MILITARY who are deployed to areas of conflict. If you would like a name added/removed, please contact the church office.



**Pastor Cheryl plans to be in the FELC Pastor office** on Wednesdays 11 - 6:30 (unless in a meeting or confirmation classes) & Thursdays 10 – 3 pm (unless up at FWV with members) or by appt. You can contact her anytime via text (605-237-1501) or email her at CMQRondeau@outlook.com.

**REMINDER:** Calendar and other important information is on our website, [www.firstenglish.net](http://www.firstenglish.net) & our bulletin boards. The church office number is (320) 839-2527.

**This Week's Ministry Assistants—September 8<sup>th</sup> (God's Work, Our Hands)**

**Organist:** Amy Adelman

**Greeters:** Sandy & Tom Rice

**Tech Desk:** Dave Ellingson & Marina Thomson

**Lector:** Kim Anderson

**Acolytes:** Brandon & Archer

**FWV:** Becky Parker & Brent Zahrbock

**GWOH Potluck Lunch:** Ethel Swenson leading

**Ushers:** Glenn Henningson, Art Vollmer, Scott & Julie Schneider

## Next Week's Ministry Assistants—September 15<sup>th</sup> (Rally Sunday)

**Organist:** Lisa Berdan

**Coffee Servers: NEED VOLUNTEERS**

**Tech Desk:** Marge Dragseth & Marina Thomson

**Acolytes:** Liv & Miley

**Greeters:** Sara Mattison & Lois Bergeson

**Lector:** Brent Zahrbock

**Ushers:** Dean Longnecker, Josh Wollschlager, Rodney Torgerson, & Dick Strei

### Weekly Calendar

#### **Sun – 9/8 God's Work, Our Hands Sunday**



9:00 am Worship (w/Ellie Helgeson Leading) – Broadcast on KDIO & FB Live

9:30~am Community Service Projects

**TBD** am Board of Christian Education Meeting

10:30 am Fairway View Worship (Pre-recorded)

11:00 am Potluck Lunch Back at FELC

**Mon – 9/9** 7:00 pm Council Meeting



**Tues – 9/10** 8:30 am Day of Love

4-5:00 pm Bible Study at Donnie's Diner (Fairway View)

#### **Wed – 9/11 Acolyte Training, Confirmation Interviews & Orientation Day**

9:30 am Channel 3 broadcast

11:00 am Staff Meeting

3:30 pm Acolyte Training

4:30-6:30 pm Confirmation Interviews

5:30 pm Channel 3 broadcast

6:30 pm 7-9th graders (w/parents/guardians)

Confirmation orientation

7:00 pm Senior Choir



**Fri – 9/13** 9:00 am Bulletins Printed

#### **Sun – 9/15 Rally Sunday**

9:00 am Worship (w/Pastor Cheryl Leading)

– Broadcast on KDIO & FB Live

10:00 am Coffee Fellowship & SS Rally Activities



# Rally Sunday

